

Bristol Airport Environmental and Amenity Improvement Fund (known as the Bristol Airport Local Community Fund) and Diamond Fund

Management Committee

Monday 8th June 2026 – 14:00 – 16:00

Minutes of the meeting

Present:

David Hall	Chairman
Cllr Steve Bridger	North Somerset Council
Cllr Wendy Griggs	North Somerset Council
Cllr Annemieke Aaite	North Somerset Council
Cllr Thomas Daw	North Somerset Council
Jason Beale	North Somerset Council (Head of Planning)
Ian Drury	Bristol Airport
Harry Ellis	Bristol Airport
Laura Harvey	Bristol Airport
Bethany Wingfield	Bristol Airport

1. Apologies:

Apologies received from Natalie Richard (North Somerset Council - Planning Policy Manager), Tracy Comer (Bristol Airport) and Matthew Sharp (Bristol Airport)

2. Update of monies committed in 2026:

An updated total was provided to the committee members.

3. Correspondence:

Since the previous meeting, we have received one letter of gratitude from a previous successful organisation:

- Somerset Wildlife Trust would like to thank the Committee Members for the recent grant, which has enabled the organisation to purchase tools for managing grassland reserves on the Mendip Hills. The funding has also supported the repair of stiles and livestock fencing, as well as other conservation projects in the area surrounding the Airport.

4. Applications for funding:

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Winford Village Pre-School

Winford Village Pre-School requested £3,000 from the Local Community Fund to create a community garden, with the funds going towards purchasing multiple raised beds, sensory planting areas, pathways/ bark surfacing, water butt / irrigation, a children's seating area and storage for tools.

The committee members agreed that this project is situated in close proximity to the Airport and meets the 'schemes which improve, enhance, protect and conserve the natural environment within the vicinity of the Airport' criteria of the Fund. The committee supported this project and were happy to grant £3,000 towards the project.

Resolved: A grant of £3,000 is approved by the committee.

Churchill Parish Council

Churchill Parish Council requested £9,809 from the Local Community Fund to support a road safety and traffic-calming project on the A38, through the village.

The committee members agreed that this project is situated in close proximity to the Airport and meets the 'traffic implications associated with an increase in passengers using the Airport' criteria of the Fund. The committee supported this project and were happy to grant £9,809 towards the project.

Resolved: A grant of £9,809 is approved by the committee.

King George's Field Cleeve

King George's Field in Cleeve requested £1,000 from the Local Community Fund to create a wellbeing area near the Cleeve War Memorial within the park. The project would include replanting the beds with sensory plants and repairing the seating area.

The committee members agreed that this project is situated in close proximity to the Airport and meets the 'schemes which improve, enhance, protect and conserve the natural environment within the vicinity of the Airport' criteria of the Fund. The committee supported this project and were happy to grant £1,000 towards the project.

Resolved: A grant of £1,000 is approved by the committee.

The Homeland Project – Backwell

The Homeland Project requested £8,201.07 from the Local Community Fund to establish a regenerative, nature-based therapeutic site in Backwell, incorporating gardening and rewilding programmes.

The committee members agreed that this project is situated in close proximity to the Airport and meets the 'schemes which improve, enhance, protect and conserve the natural environment within the vicinity of the Airport' criteria of the Fund. The committee supported this project and were happy to grant £8,201.07 towards the project.

Resolved: A grant of £8,201.07 is approved by the committee.

Sporting Weston F.C. – Cleeve

Sporting Weston F.C., based in Cleeve, requested £7,000 from the Local Community Fund to convert its open-plan changing facilities into four separate changing rooms, providing suitable accommodation for both the men's and women's teams.

This project was not supported as the committee members felt that it did not meet the criteria of the Local Community Fund, however, the members agreed that it did meet the Diamond Fund criteria and were happy to award £1,000 to this project.

Resolved: A grant of £1,000 from the Diamond Fund is approved by the committee

Nailsea Shedders

Nailsea Shedders requested £11,078 from the Local Community Fund to convert a double garage into a 'repair workshop'.

This project was not supported as the committee members felt that it did not meet the criteria of the Local Community Fund, however, the members agreed that it did meet the Diamond Fund criteria and were happy to award £1,000 to this project.

Resolved: A grant of £1,000 from the Diamond Fund is approved by the committee

Barrow Gurney Parish Council

Barrow Gurney Parish Council requested £17,000 from the Local Community Fund to deliver a road safety and traffic-calming project on routes through the village. The project includes speed signs, road markings, traffic signal adjustments, and speed indicator devices.

The committee members agreed that this project is situated in close proximity to the Airport and meets the 'traffic implications associated with an increase in passengers using the Airport' criteria of the Fund. The committee supported this project and were pleased to award a contribution of £14,000 towards the speed signs, line marking and speed indicator device elements of the scheme. The committee agreed that the traffic light sequencing improvement works, for which £3,000 had been requested, should be undertaken by the Council.

Resolved: A grant of £14,000 is approved by the committee.

Urchinwood Horses for All CIC

Urchinwood Horses for All CIC requested £15,000 from the Local Community Fund to improve and replace the lighting in the horse-riding arena.

The committee members all agreed that there was a lack of information to support the application. However, the organisation can re-apply at the next committee meeting in September 2026.

Resolved: A grant will not be awarded to this group

Barrow Gurney Village Hall Management Committee

Barrow Gurney Village Hall Management Committee requested £15,000 from the Local Community Fund to carry out urgent repairs to the village hall.

The committee members all agreed that there was a lack of information to support the application. However, the organisation can re-apply at the next committee meeting in September 2026.

Resolved: A grant will not be awarded to this group

Bishop Sutton Preschool and Forest Club

Bishop Sutton Preschool and Forest Club requested £14,685.62 from the Local Community Fund to install a permanent outdoor shelter at the school.

This project was not supported as the committee members felt that it did not meet the criteria of the Local Community Fund, plus the location of this Preschool is situated outside the 6-mile radius of the Diamond Fund.

Resolved: A grant will not be awarded to this group

Bristol Community FM

Bristol Community FM requested £14,000 from the Local Community Fund to create a real-time travel information system designed to mitigate congestion across Bristol.

This project was not supported as the committee members felt that it did not meet the criteria of the Local Community Fund.

Resolved: A grant will not be awarded to this group

Hope Through Music

Hope Through Music requested £6,700.03 from the Local Community Fund to help raise the awareness of air pollution and support transport decarbonisation at a local level by encouraging the transition to electric e-bikes and electric vehicles.

This project was not supported as the committee members felt that it did not meet the criteria of the Local Community Fund.

Resolved: A grant will not be awarded to this group

The West of England MS Therapy Centre (Bradley Stoke)

The West of England MS Therapy Centre (Bradley Stoke) requested £8,000 from the Local Community Fund to replace the fluorescent lighting in their building with energy-efficient LED light bulbs.

This project was not supported by the committee members as the location was not considered to be in close proximity area to the Airport.

Resolved: A grant will not be awarded to this group

Diamond Fund

Invisible Army Community Interest Company

Invisible Army Community Interest Company requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to raise awareness of unpaid carers by using art exhibitions at local towns and villages in the vicinity of the Airport, to increase the understanding and inspire social change.

The project is within close proximity to the Airport and meets the criteria of the Fund. The committee supported this project and were happy to grant £1,000 towards the project.

Resolved: A grant of £1,000 is approved by the committee.

Backwell Junior School Association

Backwell Junior School Association requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to revamp their library space, including new bookcases, seats and tables.

The project is within close proximity to the Airport and meets the criteria of the Fund. The committee supported this project and were happy to grant £1,000 towards the project.

Resolved: A grant of £1,000 is approved by the committee.

The Pony CIC

The Pony requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to pay for cookery classes to community groups and schools in Bishopsworth, Withywood and Hartcliffe.

The project is within close proximity to the Airport and meets the criteria of the Fund. The committee supported this project and were happy to grant £1,000 towards the project.

Resolved: A grant of £1,000 is approved by the committee.

St Peter's Hospice

St Peter's Hospice requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to go towards the ongoing costs of running the organisation which supports families who live within a 6-mile radius of the Airport, including Backwell, Long Ashton, Nailsea, Winford and Wrington.

The project is within close proximity to the Airport and meets the criteria of the Fund. The committee supported this project and were happy to grant £1,000 towards the project.

Resolved: A grant of £1,000 is approved by the committee.

Cleeve Cricket Club

Cleeve Cricket Club requested £5,931 from the Diamond Fund to support the replacement of the ageing netting at the club's three-bay practice facility.

The project is within close proximity to the Airport and meets the criteria of the Fund. The committee supported this project and were happy to grant a contribution of £1,000 towards the project.

Resolved: A grant of £1,000 is approved by the committee.

Winford Community Shop Ltd

Winford Community Shop Ltd requested £2,000 from the Local Community Fund to replace the old three door display freezer with a new/ upgraded refrigerated unit.

The committee supported this project and were happy to grant a contribution of £1,000 towards the project.

Resolved: A grant of £1,000 is approved by the committee.

Golden-Oldies Charity

The Golden-Oldies Charity requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to host two Christmas parties in Nailsea and Long Ashton for those experiencing isolation in the local community.

The project is within close proximity to the Airport and meets the criteria of the Fund. The committee supported this project and were happy to grant £1,000 towards the project.

Resolved: A grant of £1,000 is approved by the committee.

Norton Malreward Parish Council

Norton Malreward Parish Council requested a £1,000 grant to help rebuild a wall that is at risk of collapse.

The project is within close proximity to the Airport and meets the criteria of the Fund. The committee supported this project and were happy to grant £1,000 towards the project.

Resolved: A grant of £1,000 is approved by the committee.

Wrighton Show

The Wrighton Show requested a £100 grant from the Diamond Fund to go towards the printing of the event programme and other expenses.

The project is within close proximity to the Airport and meets the criteria of the Fund. The committee supported this project and were happy to grant £100 towards the project.

Resolved: A grant of £100 is approved by the committee.

Butcombe Village Hall

Butcombe Village Hall requested £2,000 from the Diamond Fund to resolve a serious damp problem to one of its side rooms.

The project is within close proximity to the Airport and meets the criteria of the Fund. The committee supported this project and were happy to grant a contribution of £1,000 towards the project.

Resolved: A grant of £1,000 is approved by the committee.

Chew Valley Youth (U12/13 Girls)

Chew Valley Youth (U12/13 Girls) requested £895.55 from the Diamond Fund to purchase tracksuits for the two girl's teams.

The project is within close proximity to the Airport and meets the criteria of the Fund. The committee supported this project and were happy to grant £895.55 towards the project.

Resolved: A grant of £895.55 is approved by the committee.

Winford – The Heights Community

The Heights Community, a residential road in Winford, requested £50 from the Diamond Fund to install two 'drive slowly' road signs at the entrances to the access roads.

The Committee Members were all in agreement and agreed that this would actually match the 'traffic implications associated with an increase in passengers using the Airport 'criteria of the Local Community Fund.

Resolved: A grant of £50 from the Local Community Fund is approved by the committee.

Winford School Parent Teacher Association

Winford School Parent Teacher Association requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to create an outdoor learning space at Winford Primary School.

The project is within close proximity to the Airport and meets the criteria of the Fund. The committee supported this project and were happy to grant £1,000 towards the project.

Resolved: A grant of £1,000 is approved by the committee.

Yatton Junior Football Club

Yatton Junior Football Club requested £700 from the Diamond Fund to contribute towards the cost of new kits for the Under-15 team.

The project is within close proximity to the Airport and meets the criteria of the Fund. The committee supported this project and were happy to grant £700 towards the project.

Resolved: A grant of £700 is approved by the committee.

Backwell Athletic JFC - U10 Girls Team

The Backwell Athletic JFC - U10s Girls Football Team requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to purchase new playing kit.

This project was not supported by the committee members as this organisation had received funding in November 2025.

Resolved: A grant will not be awarded to this group

Futura Learning Partnership

Futura Learning Partnership requested up to £5,000 from the Diamond Fund to take 100 students on a two-week cultural and educational trip to India.

This project was not supported as the committee members felt that it did not meet the criteria of the Diamond Fund.

Resolved: A grant will not be awarded to this group

Wrington and Redhill Football Club

Wrington and Redhill Football Club requested £859.85 from the Diamond Fund to purchase new goals for the under 6's and under 7's football teams.

This project was not supported by the committee members as this organisation had received funding in June 2025.

Resolved: A grant will not be awarded to this group

Winscombe Football Club

Winscombe Football Club requested £350 from the Diamond Fund to purchase football kit for the Under 7 team for the upcoming season.

This project was not supported by the committee members as the location was not considered to be in close proximity area to the Airport.

Resolved: A grant will not be awarded to this group

Yatton RFC Under 9's

Yatton RFC Under 9s requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to purchase new kit for players and coaches for the upcoming season.

The project is within close proximity to the Airport and meets the criteria of the Fund. The committee supported this project and were happy to grant £1,000 towards the project.

Resolved: A grant of £1,000 is approved by the committee

Winscombe Churchill AFC

Winscombe Churchill AFC Under-5s and Under-6s requested £1,031.15 from the Diamond Fund to purchase new kits for both teams.

This project was not supported by the committee members as the location was not considered to be in close proximity area to the Airport.

Resolved: A grant will not be awarded to this group

Bristol Business Beats Cancer – Cancer Research UK

Bristol Business Beats Cancer – Cancer Research UK requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund or an auction prize to help raise fund to support a Gala Dinner in October.

The committee members agreed that people in Bristol and North Somerset will benefit from the increase in research and were pleased to offer an auction prize for the event.

Resolved: An auction prize to be sent to the organisation.

St. Stephen's Southmead

St. Stephen's Southmead requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to support the family workers they employ in delivering care programmes throughout the coming year.

This project was not supported by the committee members as the location was not considered to be in close proximity area to the Airport.

Resolved: A grant will not be awarded to this group

Children's Scrapstore

Children's Scrapstore requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to run a series of events to engage diverse audiences with family art activities.

The project is within close proximity to the Airport and meets the criteria of the Fund. The committee supported this project and were happy to grant £1,000 towards this project on the basis that this money would be spent in the South Bristol area.

Resolved: A grant of £1,000 is approved by the committee

The Cake Engineers

The Cake Engineers in Clevedon requested £1,000 from the Diamond Fund to pay for three cooking class, including a class for SEND students.

The project is within close proximity to the Airport and meets the criteria of the Fund. The committee supported this project and were happy to grant £1,000 towards the project.

Resolved: A grant of £1,000 is approved by the committee

5. Noise Overview

Bethany Wingfield, Environmental Compliance Business Partner, informed the committee members on the 2026 Noise Mitigation Scheme (NMS) programme. The following was presented to the committee members:

Scheme went live first week of April. Two application periods for 2026:

- 1st April – 1st June
- 1st July – 31st August

For the 2026 Noise Mitigation Scheme (NMS), £200,000 has been budgeted. Additional funds may be arranged for the second application window due to a high uptake in the first application window.

Applications

In total, 53 properties submitted applications during the first application window. Of these, 39 applications are recommended for approval, and 14 applications are recommended for refusal.

The total amount recommended for the 39 approved applications is £193,461. The committee unanimously agreed to approve funding for these 39 properties from the first application window.

6. Any other business

N/A

7. Date of the next meetings in 2026:

- Monday 14th September
- Monday 7th December